

To whom it may concern,

I strongly disagree with this filing that all code requirements and all knowledge of morse be dropped from amateur radio licensing. The code is still a vital mode, still in use today in both military and civilian radio. It is a mode that really shines when emergencies hit. Radios that use morse code consume less battery power and use less bandwidth. Our service was created to keep a pool of trained radio operators for times of trouble. While morse code may not be as prominent as it once was it is still a useful tool. I believe the 5 word per minute code test is not that difficult and can be learned by almost everyone. Small QRP transceivers are inexpensive, easy to build, and a great way to get young people involved in radio and electronics. As I said in another comment maybe we can open up a little more phone and CW privileges to the Tech+ license. I do not think we should eliminate the code in the higher class licenses. Often morse code is the only way to communicate with people that speak different languages. I am hoping you will consider this comment and keep the code requirement.

Thank you,

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